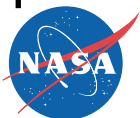


BLINDNESS DUE TO CATARACTS

- **Worldwide, 50% of all blindness is due to cataracts**
- **No medical treatment**
- **1.4 million cataract surgeries are performed each year in the U.S.**
- **\$3.4 billion spent through Medicare**
- **34 million Americans have cataracts over the age 65**
- **70 million Americans will have cataract in year 2030 compared to 34 million figure today**

"A delay in cataract formation of about 10 years would reduce the prevalence of visually disabling cataract by about 45%"

(Carl Kupfer, MD, Director NEI/NIH, The Conquest of Cataract: A Global Challenge, trans. Ophthal., Soc., UK, 1985)



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